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Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 before the first Office Action on the merits [37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)]. No fee is required. Copies of the listed references are submitted concurrently (but for any US patent documents). Reference DE 100 48 987 A1 has not been attached, as this reference corresponds to US 6,442,775.

Applicant also provides a copy of the corresponding German search report and which uses the standard international categorizations for novelty (X), inventive step (Y) and general background (A), and is submitted as a concise statement of why the cited documents were considered relevant. Likewise the International Search Report is also included. The search reports are listed on form PTO/SB/08.

Respectfully submitted,

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